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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT : Report of Contact with []

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

1. [] telephoned the Subjects and arranged for them to meet the undersigned [] at 1900 hours on 25 July 1963 at their office []. Arriving at the RV on schedule, the undersigned noted that two customers were still at the counter doing business with Subjects. The undersigned, therefore, did not enter the office but telephoned Subjects and was told to return in five or ten minutes (Tel. # AL-4-8779). It should be noted that the neighborhood in which Subject's business is located is fairly destitute and that the fact of the undersigned's visit did not go unnoticed by many hundred neighbors who were all outdoors trying to find a breath of cool air. The meeting extended from 1905 hours to 1935 hours and no plans for another meeting were made at this time.

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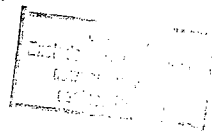
2. In line with the comments previously made concerning the neighborhood it is suggested that any future meetings be held away from the office which is a gaudily painted red, first floor, double-windowed enterprise most of which is fully visible from the sidewalk. There is a curtained-off area in the rear of the office and this may be the living quarters of Subjects.

PERSONAL SITUATION

3. At the end of a long hot day and with the travel tension building, it followed that Subjects were hot, tired, and eager to relax. In spite of the heat and the humidity, Subjects greeted the undersigned with a mixture of warmth and reserve. Initially [] (male) was more gracious and animated but later his wife became far more gracious and talkative while her husband just nodded his head and had little or nothing to say. It was apparent that time for both was at a premium, and both appeared to tolerate the visit and to be fairly glad that it was not of long duration.

4. Subjects have recently lost the services of their full-time secretary, a young Russian D.P., who is taking a post in New

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Jersey with a Russian girl. This has added to the confusion since a secretary is most needed at the present time to assist in the numerous details and final arrangements. (C.O. Comment: Do we know this girl?)

5. [] (male) is an olive complected male with receding hairline who appears 40'ish, 5'9" tall and 150 pounds heavy. He was casually dressed in slacks and a shirt which was tie-less and with sleeves rolled. His wife was more carefully dressed and appeared fairly well made-up. She is on the plumpish side but nevertheless, her animated fact and manner made her appear fairly attractive. She appeared to be the moving spirit of the organization.

OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION

6. Following the social amentia the undersigned gave Subjects a review of the defined security briefing which had previously been given them before their REDSKIN trip of 1961. Subjects were told that this was being done since the United States Government was more interested in their trip in view of past services rendered and that, in view of the treaty test-ban, it appeared to be a good time to be travelling in the U.S.S.R. The undersigned covered the following points:

- a) cameras and photographs
- b) black market
- c) hotel rooms
- d) tour guides
- e) performance of favors such as taking in or out letters or material
- f) spy consciousness of her people after PRNKOVSKY
- g) control of tour group members
- h) constant denial of C.I.A. involvement in the event of arrest
- i) provocation or detention

7. Subjects indicated that they had neither questions or problems to discuss and only a nienimal worry about the trip's successful ending. They have briefed all the members of their group and expect no problems.

8. The following comments were made by [] (wife):

a. Inturist no longer requires the revocation of Soviet citizenship as a travel prerequisite and as a result this year for the first time the tons will rullude four Ukranian refugees from the post-war era. If they return

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successfully it is expected that many more from New York City will travel in the future.

b. On an earlier trip to the U.S.S.R. Subjects exited via LVOV and had a real slow-down inspection at the airport which consumed that two hours. In 1961 they decided to exit via Moscow and they became apprehensive when asked to report to the airport two hours before departure time, Subject communicated her fear to the group and they were able to stall for about an hour in checking-out of the hotel. Upon arrival at the Customs there was only a most routine speech.

c. One of the D.P.'s is going to visit her daughter and the traveller is quite apprehensive and could be a problem having never travelled as a tourist.

d. In 1961 [] (wife) was so scared as she approached Customs in Moscow that she rolled some Redskin notes into a ball and in true tradition swallowed them. She feels she recalled all of the data on the notes during her debriefing.

e. [] (wife) became quite friendly with her Inturist guide during the 1961 trip-enabled her to attend an exhibition of French art "for foreigners only". Subject's feel that the ritannly of the Custom's processing depends in great part on the type of report submitted by the Inturist guide.

f. During previous visits to LVOV, Subjects have always been assigned the same room and they are curious as to whether this will be the case during their current trip. They admitted having spent a certain effort in trying to find any audio devices or double mirrors in their room in LVOV and were told not to do so this time but to simply assume that all "dirty trials" were being used against them.

g. During her previous trip Subjects kept voluminous notes on the trip including cards on all of the troubles-rooms assigned etc. This caused some suspicion to be cast in Subject's direction and [] (wife) was asked to turn over the cards, etc. to the Inturist guide. They were later returned.

h. During the previous trip the Soviets had mentioned they did not wish to grant any hospitality to traitors and Subjects agreed with this position. (C.O. Comment: to check for reaction, the undersigned stated that Christ had granted hospitality to a traitor, Judas, at one of the most important

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events in history. [] (wife) turned a bright red and said "You are right". She should be a good reactor on the "box".)

i. Subjects revealed that they were being allowed to enter areas to which others had previously been forbidden in the U.S.S.R. and were somewhat suprised to hear that no "operational photographs" were desired.

j. One friend in New York City wants Subject to take out an oil painting and the pros and cons of this were discussed in view of Soviet law which calls all art the possession of the State.

FINAL COMMENTS

It is beleived that the purpose of the visit was fulfilled in satisfactory fashion.

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